

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2996 without my signature.

I support efforts to ensure that California is better prepared for public health emergencies. However, I have previously vetoed similar legislation based in large part on the fact that the after-action reports mandated by this bill are already required by both the State's Standardized Emergency Management System and the federal government as a condition of the receipt of federal funds. As a result, this measure simply duplicates existing statutes and regulations and would not increase public safety or improve preparedness and therefore is unnecessary.

For these reasons I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger